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ROLLS, UNROLLS FROM GROUND WITH CRANK

Truck Tarp Features Automatic Tie Down

"Quick, simple and safe" is how Glenn Brandjord describes his invention — a tight fitting truck tarp that cranks open and shut over any standard truck box, and ties itself down automatically.

"It's simple to operate and has no complicated parts to go wrong," explains Brandjord.

A single rib runs the length of the box, elevating the tarp about the truck sides. Ropes are tied from the edge of the tarp to brackets which slide on bars mounted half way up the outside of the box. A cable and pulley system, used both to roll and unroll the tarp, is connected to a crank located next to the drive's door.

"To unroll the tarp, just unhook the tie-downs in the back and crank it

open. No climbing or running from side to side of the truck, and it's quick," says Brandjord.

The nylon neoprene tarp is weather tight and snug enough that you can drive the speed limit with no grain loss, according to Brandjord. He custom builds tarps for any length truck box with a standard width. A tarp for a 16 ft. box, 8 ft. wide, sells for about \$500. Manufacturer inquiries welcome.

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COUNTS IN ACTUAL ACRES

New Acre Meter Fits Any Wheeled Machine

"The most trouble-free acre counter you can buy," says Gene Aufdenberg, of Aufdenberg Equipment Co., Sikeston, Mo., distributor of the unique Precision Acre Counter from Engler Instrument Co., Jersey City, N.J.

Although designed primarily for planters, the counter can be used to count acres on any wheeled machine simply by attaching it to the axle end of any carrier or ground-driven wheel. A counter-balanced weight inside the meter flips around as the wheel turns, driving a set of calibrated gears. It works traveling forward or in reverse.

"There are two meter models. One is calibrated for a specific machine. The other is a universal model that can be used on any machine with the help of a simple calibration formula," explains Aufdenberg. "The meter reads in exact acres covered. We recommend that it be mounted on a ground wheel, or a clutch-activated shaft, so it only meters on actual ground worked."



The new acre meter easily attaches to any wheel or clutch-activated driveshaft.

To order, send the width of the machine to be metered and the radius of the wheel to be used, if known. The universal meter for use on any machine sells for \$55.

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Midwest Silo, Inc., plans to offer above-ground glass and steel slurry tanks later this year.

FIRST COMPANY TO OFFER BOTH CONCRETE AND STEEL SILOS

New Competitor In "Blue Silo" Market

There's a new competitor in the glass-fused-to-steel "blue silo" market.

Midwest Silo Inc., Boscobel, Wis. the first silo builder to offer both concrete stave silos and glass lined steel silos, is competing for a share of the market currently dominated by the A.O. Smith Harvestore Co. of Arlington Heights, Ill.

Midwest's glass-lined silos, colored midnight blue, will be offered in 15, 21, 24 and 27 ft. dia. and at heights up to 95 ft. They are for grain storage primarily but forage can also be stored if an unloader is chosen that will handle it. To date, four Midwest glass-lined steel silos have been erected in Wisconsin where the company is based. A branch office in Shelbyville, Ind., will also offer glass-lined steel silos this spring.

"The reason we decided to go with steel is that it has proven to be very successful and popular," Earl Wickern, president of Midwest Silos, told FARM SHOW. "We've had concrete

stave silos for years. Our customers have expressed an interest in both steel and concrete so we're offering both."

Wickern says Midwest's glass-lined steel silos will be competitive with Harvestores both in performance and price. "We're offering the newest and best in glass-fused-to-steel structures," he emphasizes.

The new steel silos feature bottom unloading with a choice of five models of Laidig or Supreme unloaders. Midwest is using the same "breather bag" principle as the Harvestore and Sealstore structures, according to Wickern.

He adds that Midwest hopes to be able to offer large, above-ground glass and steel manure tanks later this year but those plans aren't yet finalized.

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